

VETERANS' RESOURCES

Dear friends and neighbors,

The legislature is committed to veterans. We are inspired by the service and sacrifice of servicemen and servicewomen. That is why veterans' issues are a top priority each legislative session.

This year the legislature has supported and advanced legislation that recognizes the important sacrifices that female veterans have made while defending our country. A new law, SB 904, An Act Establishing the Connecticut Women Veterans' Program will require the Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct outreach regarding which benefits and services are available for female veterans, while taking into account the needs and obstacles that women must face. The program will submit an annual report to the legislature recommending new initiatives and detailing which benefits and services would be best for our local female veterans. It is vital that we protect those who protect us. This legislation, which I co-sponsored, is a good way to honor these important women.

I hope you find this information about veterans' resources and the results of some of the legislation we have passed helpful. Please visit my Facebook page and website regularly to stay updated on information and you can sign up for my email updates as well.

Sincerely,

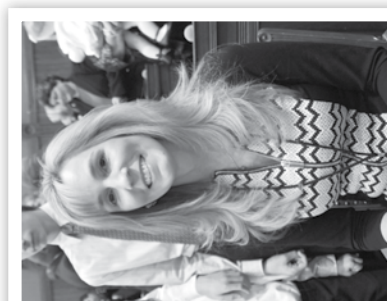


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THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

The Connecticut Department of Veterans’ Affairs has numerous programs and services available for veterans as well as links to various veterans’ websites, benefit information, job and career services, the State Veterans’ Home in Rocky Hill and community activities specific to veterans. To learn more, please visit their website at www.ct.gov/ctva or call (860) 616-3600.



OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE

The Office of Advocacy and Assistance helps veterans, as well as their eligible dependents, to obtain benefits available under federal, state and local laws. (866) 928-8387. <http://1.usa.gov/1Bqmg5m>



SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND

The Connecticut Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund provides financial assistance to wartime veterans and their families related to rental/mortgage, utilities, funeral and medical including auditory, vision and durable equipment. Restrictions apply - to initiate an application for assistance you must contact a local American Legion Post and ask for a designated fund representative or Veterans Aid Investigator in the community in which you reside. (844) 454-8900. www.alctssmf.org/eligibility



Veterans Coffeehouse in Killingly

The Thames Valley Council for Community Action is hosting a bimonthly coffeehouse for area veterans. The event, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month beginning at 9:00am - noon at the Killingly Community Center located at 185 Broad Street in Danielson, CT is billed as a place where veterans can enjoy a free cup of coffee and a snack while connecting with other veterans to foster camaraderie and conversation as well as gain information and resources. All military veterans are welcome regardless of age. More information is available through the TVCCA Retired and Senior Volunteer Program coordinator at (860) 774-9286.

THE CT MILITARY SUPPORT PROGRAM (MSP)

This 24/7 hotline connects callers with mental health services and programs sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. (866) 251-2913. <http://1.usa.gov/1OyOzZo>



STATE BENEFITS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

A \$1,500 reduction of a property’s assessed value for tax purposes (real estate or automobile) is available for veterans who have ninety days of wartime service, including Merchant Marines who served during WWII. Veterans, and surviving spouses, below a certain income level and/or disabled may be eligible for additional property tax exemptions. Contact Killingly’s of Plainfield’s tax assessor’s office for specific details.

TUITION WAIVERS

Veterans may attend Connecticut public colleges, universities and the 12 community technical- colleges tuition free. To be eligible for tuition benefits, a veteran must be honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces, have 90 days active military duty during war, must have resided in Connecticut for at least one year upon enrolling and admitted to a degree program. For more information, contact the Veterans’ Services or Financial Aid/Bursar’s Office of the school you are interested in attending.

- University of Connecticut:
www.veterans.uconn.edu



- Connecticut State University System:
www.ct.edu/students/veterans



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